

Boeing Model 767-200, 300, 300F Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0236)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2283. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737-200 and 3 Series Airplanes Equipped with Cargo Doors Installed in Accordance with STC SA 29969A0" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0234)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2284. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Honeywell KC 225 Automatic Flight Control System; Request for Comments" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0233)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2285. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: GE Engines CJ610 Series Turbojet and CF700 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0232)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2286. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Rolladen Schneider Flugzeugbau GmbH Models LS 3, LS 4, LS 6c Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0231)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2287. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of the Commission's Regulations Governing Television Broadcasting" (Doc. No. 91-221, 87-8) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-77. A resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Rockaway, New York relative to Project Impact; to the Committee on Appropriations.

POM-78. A joint resolution adopted by the Town Council and School Committee of Kittery, Maine relative to the education of children with disabilities; to the Committee on Appropriations.

POM-79. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Prosser, Washington relative to energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-80. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of Hollywood, Florida relative to Beach Erosion Control Projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-81. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Brook Park, Ohio relative to the Steel Industry; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-82. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, the original Purple Heart, designated as the Badge of Military Merit, was established by General George Washington on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when he wrote, "Whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth of silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with a due reward"; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use and the first award given to a common soldier; a Purple Heart is an eloquent and forceful symbol of each man and woman who has stepped forward in a time of national crisis to defend the values of the United States; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the armed forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy; and

Whereas, an effort is currently underway to petition the United States Postal Service to authorize the issuance of an official United States postal stamp displaying the image of the Purple Heart medal; and

Whereas, in recent years, the United States Postal Service has issued stamps honoring comic strips, movie monsters, and cartoon characters but has opted not to issue a Purple Heart stamp honoring American soldiers wounded in battle; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart stamp would serve as a permanent and long-overdue honor for the one million eight hundred thousand recipients of the Purple Heart, half of whom are still alive today, and to remind the nation of the monumental sacrifices veterans have made in the service and defense of the United States of America. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the United States Congress to take appropriate steps to cause the United States Postal Service to issue a Purple Heart stamp to recognize the tremendous valor and fortitude displayed by wounded soldiers and to express the enduring appreciation of the citizens of the United States of America for the sacrifices that members of the armed forces have made in the name of freedom. Be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the President of the United States Senate; James Tolbert, Jr., Executive Director of Stamp Services for the United States Postal Service; and The Honorable William J. Henderson, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer of the United States Postal Service.

POM-83. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas, the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act was approved in a bipartisan effort by three hundred ninety-one members of the United States House of

Representatives in the 106th Congress, including every member of the Louisiana delegation; and

Whereas, more than eighty United States senators, including both Louisiana senators, signed letters of support for this legislation in 2000, but despite strong support for the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2000, the legislation did not become law as the Senate did not vote on it before adjournment; and

Whereas, the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001, authored by Don Young, Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, provides for the modernization of the railroad retirement system for its seven hundred forty-eight thousand beneficiaries nationwide, including nine thousand four hundred people in Louisiana; and

Whereas, railroad management, labor, and retiree organizations have agreed to support the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001; and

Whereas, the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001 would provide tax relief to freight railroads, Amtrak, and commuter lines; and

Whereas, the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001 would provide benefit improvements for surviving spouses of rail workers, who currently suffer deep cuts in income when the rail retiree dies; and

Whereas, no outside contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement the changes called for in the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001; and

Whereas, all changes will be paid for from within the railroad industry, including a full share by active employees. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the United States Congress to enact the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001. Be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to President George W. Bush, the president of the United States Senate, the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-84. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to natural gas and liquids pipeline operations; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, the nation's natural gas and liquids pipeline facilities provide critical service to all citizens of this nation; and

Whereas, the state of Louisiana has a vital interest in the integrity and safety of the interstate natural gas and liquids pipelines within the state; and

Whereas, recent incidents of pipeline leaks and ruptures have led to heightened concern for the health and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana; and

Whereas, these incidents have led to intense discussion about the reliability of the natural gas supply and prevention, mitigation, and response to pipeline incidents; and

Whereas, enhancements to federal pipeline safety requirements can translate into enhanced safety requirements for state-regulated facilities within the state of Louisiana. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Louisiana Legislature does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to support federal legislation to strengthen the rules regarding the safety of

natural gas and liquids pipeline operations. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-85. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to Ministers Appreciation Week; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 50

Whereas, throughout this nation's long history of praise and worship, the citizens of the United States of America have been guided with outstanding commitment and dedicated leadership by their ministers, who have paved the way for the leaders and members of their churches to be graced with the blessings they enjoy today; and

Whereas, the ministers of the United States of America merit a sincere measure of commendation for the noble achievements and exemplary strides that they have taken in their guidance of the nation's loving and dedicated spiritual communities; and

Whereas, the ministers of the nation serve not only as spiritual leaders, but they serve individual members of their spiritual communities on a daily basis, counseling them, giving them guidance in handling personal crises, visiting them in sickness, helping them bear the sorrow of the death of a loved one, and being a source of strength and help in countless situations; and

Whereas, it is appropriate to commend the ministers of the United States of America for their remarkable devotion to God and to their congregations, to extend sincere and heartfelt congratulations to all ministers, and to recognize the ministers of the nation in a special way. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to recognize the final week in April of every year as Minister Appreciation Week and does hereby commend and congratulate all ministers of the United States of America for their important service to the people of the nation. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the presiding officer of each house of the United States Congress and to each member of the Louisiana delegation of the United States Congress.

POM-86. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Georgia relative to agricultural equipment; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 193

Whereas, water well drilling contractors are extremely small construction contractors who drill water wells for individuals, cities, counties, industry, and farmers; and

Whereas, federal law requires all persons operating vehicles in excess of 26,000 pounds transporting people or property to have a commercial driver's license (CDL); and

Whereas, this act is primarily for the common or contractor carrier; and

Whereas, agricultural vehicles are exempt from the requirements of the commercial driver's license statute; and

Whereas, water well drilling contractors rarely travel more than 150 miles from their home office, which is one of the criteria of agricultural vehicles contained in the commercial driver's license statute; and

Whereas, these contractors rarely travel across state boundaries; and

Whereas, the requirements of the commercial driver's license statute are extremely difficult to pass; and

Whereas, it is a tremendous burden on these small businesses to find, hire, and pay employees who have a commercial driver's license; and

Whereas, this requirement adds a great deal of unnecessary expense to the price of a well for the well owner. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this body respectfully request that the United States Congress enact legislation reclassifying water well drilling vehicles and equipment as agricultural equipment under the federal commercial driver's license laws. Be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and the Secretary of the United States Senate.

POM-87. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to special education and children with disabilities; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 97

Whereas, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) passed by the United States Congress, finds that disability is a natural part of the human experience and does not take away or minimize the right of those individuals to participate in, or contribute to, society; and

Whereas, Congress further found that improving educational results for disabled children is an essential part of our national policy of ensuring equal opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for disabled individuals; and

Whereas, currently there are special education students in every school in this State and with the rising cost of special education, it is a heavy burden on Hawaii's already financially challenged public education system; and

Whereas, the Department of Education's January 2001 Quarterly Report on the Status of the State's Progress in meeting the Requirements of the Felix v. Cayetano Consent Decree (hereinafter DOE Quarterly Report) reported a total of 22,962 students identified for special education services, 13,146 children registered for services with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD), and 1,962 children identified for zero-to-three related mental health services; and

Whereas, the DOE Quarterly Report further reported that of the \$154,035,838 appropriated to the Department of Education for the 2000-2001 school year, \$75,838,006 already was expended by December 31, 2000 and of the \$102,227,071 appropriated to the Department of Health's CAMHD, \$76,111,621 was already expended by December 31, 2000; and

Whereas, according to the Court Monitor's Felix Consent Decree Quarterly Status Report, August 2000 to November 2000, over the six-year period from 1994 to 2000, the number of children served by the Department of Education increased from 12,000 to over 22,000 while the number provided mental health services by CAMHD increased from 1,800 to 11,000; and

Whereas, these dramatic increases have resulted in an increase in the combined mental health and special education costs by over \$150 million, prompting the Court Monitor to note that "[n]o other state or school district

in the United States of America has undergone such expansion and dramatic redesign in six years"; and

Whereas, despite earnest efforts to control the Felix program costs, and the over \$250 million combined appropriations to the Department of Education and Department of Health for the current fiscal year, the Governor has requested the 2001 Legislature to appropriate \$107 million in emergency funds to address Felix program costs overruns; and

Whereas, Congress in Title 20, section 1411(a) of the United States Code committed to providing up to forty percent of the cost states would incur in providing special education; and

Whereas, in fiscal year 1999-2000 federal funding of the Department of Education special education program amounted to a meager 10% of cost and has never exceeded 14% in any given year. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Twenty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2001, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Hawaii Congressional delegation is urged to coordinate efforts in the United States Congress to obtain funding for forty percent of the cost of special education and related services for children with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Vice President of the United States, and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

POM-88. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State Louisiana relative to Louisiana farmers; to the committee on appropriations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 64

Whereas, many farmers in Louisiana are suffering the consequences of low prices for their commodities, illustrated by a market in which the price of soybeans is at a twenty-seven year low, the price of cotton is at a twenty-five year low, the price of wheat and corn is selling at a fourteen year low, and the price of rice is at an eight year low; and

Whereas, Louisiana farmers are trying to overcome the onslaughts of nature, characterized by a devastating drought in 2000 which followed a disappointing crop year in which many farmers were left in financial trouble; and

Whereas, the existing federal farm bill has not adequately addressed the current circumstances and needs of farmers in Louisiana as well as farmers across the United States; and

Whereas, hopes for a widespread opening of foreign markets and the implementation of measures to stimulate commodity exports have not materialized; and

Whereas, it is estimated that \$9 billion above the projected budget baseline is needed in federal farm payments this year to assist farmers if they are to survive; and

Whereas, an increase in farm payments is critical to the agriculture industry given agriculture's vital importance to the sustenance of all people and to the economy of our state; and

Whereas, many farmers have no other choice but to rely on assistance payments to stay in business. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the congress of the United States to increase federal aid to Louisiana farmers. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the

United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the Congress of the United States.

POM-89. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to a national energy policy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 32

Whereas, the Louisiana ammonia industry accounts for forty percent of the domestic production of ammonia; and

Whereas, natural gas makes up ninety percent of the costs of producing ammonia; and

Whereas, in the last year alone the prices of natural gas have almost tripled and the cost of producing ammonia has risen substantially; and

Whereas, high natural gas prices led the members of the Louisiana Ammonia Producers to temporarily shut down all or part of their ammonia production units; and

Whereas, two Louisiana companies have gotten out of the ammonia business completely, while others have had to resort to layoffs; and

Whereas, the majority of the ammonia produced in Louisiana is used to make fertilizer; and

Whereas, there are numerous untapped natural gas reserves in the United States. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to use the powers at its disposal to commission the United States Department of Energy to establish a national energy policy, which should pursue a long-term remedy to these problems by providing incentives for immediate domestic natural gas exploration and production, including opening untapped natural gas reserves. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States, the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the secretaries of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-90. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Guam relative to the Tax Relief Proposal; ordered to lie on the table.

RESOLUTION 66

Whereas, Federal taxes are the highest they have ever been during peacetime; and

Whereas, all taxpayers should be allowed to keep more of their own money; and

Whereas, the best way to encourage economic growth is to cut marginal tax rates across all tax brackets; and

Whereas, under current tax law, low income workers often pay the highest marginal tax rates; and

Whereas, the American people have not received any real tax relief in a generation; and

Whereas, President George W. Bush's Tax Relief Plan will contribute to raising the standard of living for all Americans, including the people of Guam; and

Whereas, President Bush's Tax Relief Plan will increase access to the middle class for hard-working families, treat all middle class families more fairly, encourage entrepreneurship and growth, and promote charitable giving and education; and

Whereas, under President Bush's Tax Relief Plan, the largest percentage reductions

will go to the lowest income earners; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, urge our elected representatives in the United States Congress, including Guam's Delegate to the U.S. Congress, to support and pass the Tax Relief Plan introduced by President George W. Bush, which includes an across-the-board reduction in marginal rates, eliminates the "death tax" and reduces the marriage penalty; and be it further

Resolved, That the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States of America; to the Honorable Richard Cheney, President, United States Senate; to the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker, United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Robert A. Underwood, Guam's Delegate to the United States House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, I Maga'lahaen Guåhan (Governor of Guam).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. CLELAND, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. TORRICE, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. FITZGERALD):

S. 994. A bill to amend the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 to extend authorities under that Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 995. A bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 996. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Colorado Springs, Colorado, metropolitan area; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 997. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research, monitoring, management, treatment, and outreach activities relating to sudden oak death syndrome and to establish a Sudden Oak Death Syndrome Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 998. A bill to expand the availability of oral health services by strengthening the dental workforce in designated underserved areas; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 999. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a Korea Defense Service Medal to be issued to members of the Armed Forces who participated in operations in Korea after the end of the Korean War; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 1000. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to provide incentive grants to improve the quality of child care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 1001. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a floor on area wage adjustment factors used under the medicare prospective payment system for inpatient and outpatient hospital services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. MILLER, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1002. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to the treatment of forestry activities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 1003. A bill to ensure the safety of children placed in child care centers in Federal facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 1004. A bill to provide for the construction and renovation of child care facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1005. A bill to provide assistance to mobilize and support United States communities in carrying out community-based youth development programs that assure that all youth have access to programs and services that build the competencies and character development needed to fully prepare the youth to become adults and effective citizens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.